

KERRY DRAKE



Bells Crossing

By Mrs. J. A. Hudson

Robert Kidd reports the first frost of the year, Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, on his farm. Aron Hudson was transacting business in Brantley last Tuesday. Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Hudson and son Hasey were calling in Elba last Monday. Mrs. Emmett Maloy is recovering from an illness of last week.

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Miss Gussie Dean, died at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Armstead near Friendship last Wednesday. Burial was at the Friendship church last Thursday. Services were conducted by Rev. Castillon, minister of the Assembly of God Church in Opp.

Mr. & Mrs. George Dunn of Dozer Rt. 1, called on Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Chandler last Friday. Mrs. Bertha Donaldson and Mrs. J. D. Morrow of Elba called on Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Armstead last Thursday.

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LABOR OF LOVE

Tennessee Man Builds Village A New Church

DICKSON, Tennessee—This small village, not too many miles from Nashville, recently made headlines across the nation—in an unusual way.

It all began ten years ago, during World War II, with a promise, Edward Brown Henslee, successful Chicago lawyer who was born in Dickson, owns a farm, 20 miles away from the village. During those dark war days in 1941, like so many other fathers, Henslee watched his eldest son depart for the battlefront—as a navy ensign.

Pearl Harbor had erupted into Pacific striking force. In the Atlantic, U-boats were inflicting frightful losses. Everywhere on the Navy was battered—from the surface, from the skies and from below the sea.

Henslee knew well that Edward Jr. might not return. Already this was being made public. It was then he made a vow. If his son returned safely, he would build a Catholic church in Dickson, a century-old parish and he would build it to St. Christopher.

St. Christopher performed his job well. After being mustered out, sound and a Lieutenant Commander, Henslee returned home. He found a man of his own kind. He moved.

Materials and lack of manpower held plans for a while. Friends, learning of the project started in amazement and tried to convince Henslee of the folly of such an undertaking. Building materials were sky high; few men could afford to build a church single-handedly.

Dickson was getting along well without the church, with services being held in the home of Dr. Lawrence Jackson. Want that good enough? Henslee thought not. He had made a promise.

The little red brick church with the white pillars that now dominates the countryside is the symbol of a fulfilled promise. Henslee later had offers of donations from the very persons who at first had been skeptical. Almost every one did in some way.

Sir Christopher's will completely without blueprint. His cleaned interior grew out of a conversation and a rough sketch on the back of an envelope; its interior was designed by the pastor. The altar was designed and carved by the skilled hands of the bishop of the diocese. Protestants, Jews and veterans' groups contributed many of its fittings; a Lutheran church once housed its steeple bell; and its cherry painting and fine woodwork came from a proud old Southern plantation home. Someone aptly described the church as a "universal labor of love."

Edward B. Henslee, Jr., the young man whose service in the armed forces during World War II caused the whole thing, is a little bewildered about the turn of events. Now 31 years old and a father himself, young Ned says, "perfect strangers stopped me on the streets asking me how the church was going. Even in Chicago (where he, like his father, practices law) people want to know if I am the man the church was built for. It's amazing!"

Yet the village of Dickson, suddenly swamped with national publicity, knew it was not so amazing. Rather, it was an example of simple faith... the faith of one man, and those who saw the goodness in the promise that man was determined to fulfill. The \$100,000 edifice marks the completion of a promise and the spirit in which it was constructed marks it truly a "labor of love" for the entire community.

Clinch County 'Fence' Question Is Unsettled
HOMERVILLE, Ga.—The Clinch County referendum over whether to fence in livestock or people is still unsettled after holding a third meeting recently.

Fifty property owners asked for a referendum to determine whether livestock should be fenced. Fifty others opposed the plan. Then another 25 joined in favor of the referendum and the same number joined the opposing group. Superior Court Judge E. R. Smith canceled the meeting.

Since 1936, the small town has been forced in accordance with an old law saying that people should fence themselves in if they wished to protect property from roving livestock.

Get the Clipper Reading Habit

COLD 666

TO RELIEVE MISTERY OF COLD 666
LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF

Stockton was guest of Mr. & Mrs. John Graham last Saturday night. Mr. & Mrs. Denver Chandler and children and Mrs. Anderson were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Marler of Seagriff Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Stokes received a telegram last Sunday saying their son, J. M., was missing in action in Korea. Mrs. Sammie Nell Grantham and baby of Elba visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. L. McCart Saturday.

L. L. McCart had a heart attack last week and was seriously ill at his home through the week. John William Bryan of Elba was visiting preacher at Liberty Sunday and was the dinner guest of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Elba, Rt. 4.

Liberty Methodist Church announces services next Sunday as usual with M. Y. F. meeting at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. They will be followed by supper on church grounds, the quarterly conference of trustees and the new E. Harris, district superintendent of Troy.

Kimmy Dorsey and Lillian Kimmy Jr. of Opp spent several days here last week visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. J. R. Ogles of Birmingham spent Sunday with Mrs. W. A. Ogles and children.

Now Playing at the Drive-In Theater
Thurs-Fri., Oct. 17-18
James Cagney
G-Men

Sun.-Mon., Oct. 20-21
Johnny Weissmuller
Brenda Joyce
Tarzan and the Amazons

Tues.-Wed., Oct. 23-24
Virginia Mayo
Robert Hutton
Smart Girls Don't Talk

Thurs-Fri., Oct. 25-26
Robert Taylor
Lana Turner
Johnny Eager

M & O DRIVE IN THEATER
One Mile Out the Damascus Road ENTERPRISE

Nowell Chromated
The Biggest Name in Chrome
5 Piece Suite (as shown) \$84.72
Table Size Extended 30 X 54 Feet
CHOICE OF COLORS—Grey and Grey—Green and Green—Yellow and Yellow

5 Piece Suite (35 X 60) Table \$97.49
Grey and Grey or Yellow
New Shipment Just Arrived
BUY THEM ON EASY TERMS
LINDSEY - THOMASON
Furniture Company
"MAKERS OF HAPPY HOMES"

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